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Honorable Bud Shuster
House of Representatives
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Shuster:

This is in reply to your letter of February 25, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235. 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
Washington, D.C.

February 25, 1993

Charlie Schott
Office of Congressional and Public Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Enclosed please find five letter from people in my district who are concerned about the narrowing of radio bands.

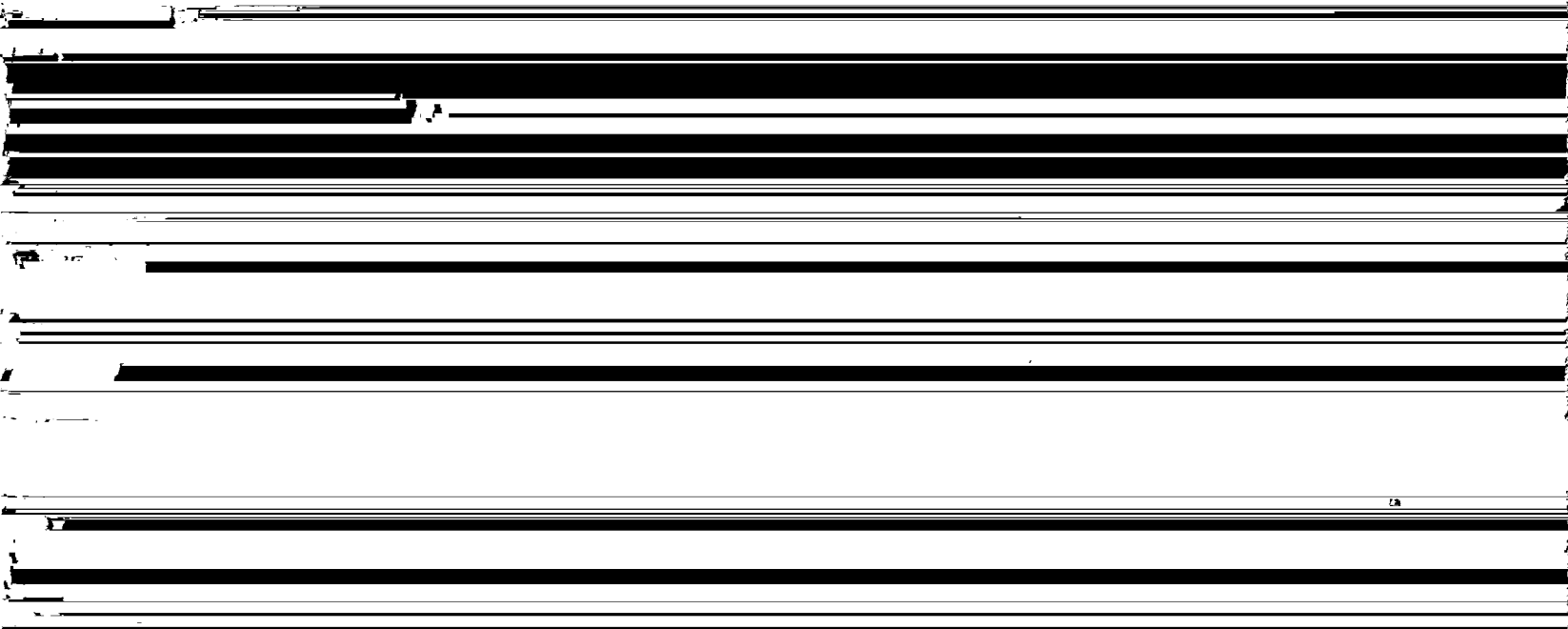
The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very Truly yours,

BUD SHUSTER
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

2188 Rayburn House Office Building



To The Honorable:
Rep. Schuster
U.S. House of Reps.
Washington DC. 20515

Mr. Robert P. Miller
RD 2, Box 111
Hopewell, PA 16650

2-19-93

Dear Sir:

In reference to P.R. Docket
92-235.

I am a retiree and get a great
pleasure in my "Golden years" flying
Radio Controlled air Craft.

I recently up-graded my radios
to stay current with the frequency
change, now I understand further
changes are being considered which
I consider both unfair + unsafe.
also a added expense I do not
need.

I would appreciate a vote in
our favor concerning this proposal
so my "Golden years" can continue

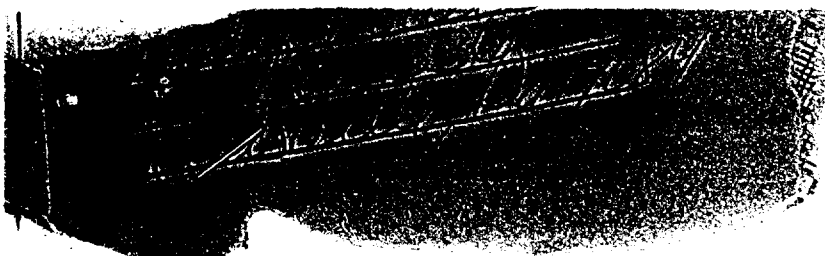
Thank you.

Robert P. Miller

P.S

I live in

Bedford County


The Honorable Bud Shuster
U. S. House of Reps.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Honorable Shuster:

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

RD 5, Box 590
Bedford, PA 15522

Feb. 18, 1993

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The Honorable Bud Shuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Shuster:

On behalf of myself and the Bedford County Aeromodelers Club, I request your help in defeating a proposal currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) - PR docket 92-235. Our club members derive many hours of enjoyment from building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft, and many of us have several thousands of dollars invested in our hobby.

The FCC proposes to place additional commercial mobile radio frequencies between the 72-76 MHz radio band currently used by modelers. If adopted, the FCC proposed rules will greatly reduce our ability to utilize radio frequencies now assigned for the use of radio-controlled models. Adoption of the new rules will also greatly increase the risk of accidents.

For example, the proposal's technical specifications allow a frequency tolerance which could place a new signal directly on top of that which is now used by a model. Thus, it is quite possible that if a member were flying at our field and someone nearby (in a truck, RV, or automobile, for instance) were to transmit on one of the FCC-proposed frequencies, the model airplane could become an unguided missile.

Model aircraft weigh between 8 and 25 lbs. and fly between 30 and 70 mph. Therefore, the potential for serious injury and/or property damage from an uncontrolled model cannot be taken lightly. The modelers' 72-76 MHz radio band should not be tampered with.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Howard
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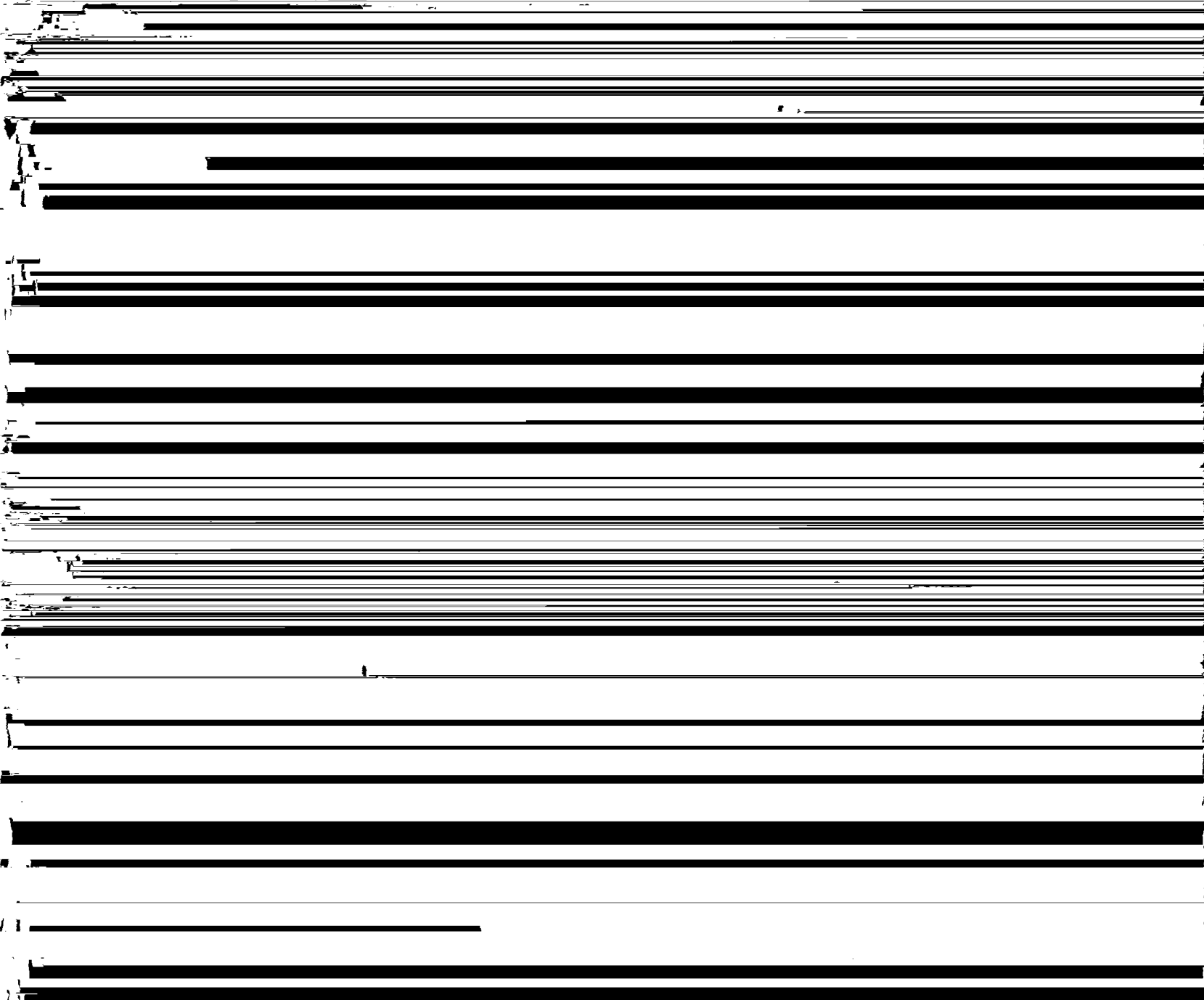
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John Bowser
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Bedford, PA 15522

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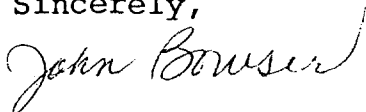
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